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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Fernandes, Brian et al.)
Serial No. : 09/301,842)
Filed : April 29, 1999) Group Art Unit:
For : Implantable Medical Device) 3763
With Enhanced Biocompatible) Examiner:
And Biostability) Lam, A.
Docket No. : 8383.00)

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 111 &
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.121

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231
Sir:

Applicants submit amendments and their reply to the office action dated September 27, 2000, paper number 3, regarding their application indicated above. In the Office Action dated September 27, 200, the examiner rejected pending claims, namely, Claims 1-75. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application under 37 C.F.R. §1.115 in light of the amendments and remarks in this response.

Applicants include with this response a petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and authorize The Office to

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